

City of Sammamish Arts Commission – Minutes - Monday, September 15, 2014

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners: Chair Anne Schaefer, Claradell Shedd, Steve Wright, Barbara Jirsa, Priti Joshi, Ramu Iyer, Kelli Ron, Lin Garretson

Absent: Margaret Rosenow

Staff: Joe Guinasso, Director of Financial & Technology Services; Allison Gubata, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Note Approval of August 18, 2014 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD 2014

- 2013 Carry forward \$1,519
- 2013 4Culture Grant \$6,500
- 2014 Budget \$25,800
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2014 TOTAL Budget \$ 40,319

2014 YTD Expenditures \$ 16,012.96

2014 YTD Available Funds \$ 24,306.04

Including the increase in the budget to the Garden Gate and Community Theatre, we are anticipating a savings of roughly \$1,500.00 by the end of the calendar year. The Arts Commission is on pace to spend what was budgeted.

Update on Marie Louie Event –On 9/27 there will be an opening of this public art program in North Bend. Artist Don Fels and curator Greg Watson will be on site for this installation and celebration of the life of Xa-cha-blo, Marie Louie, in the Snoqualmie Valley where she lived and worked. The installation will remain in place through the fall.

Next exhibit “A Cut Above” curated by June Sekiguchia and will be on exhibit 10/15 – 1/15/15.

Arts Encounters Update – Commissioner Iyer and Commissioner Joshi have been working together to have music and inter-active artists at the Arts Fair, and have faced several challenges. The Commission agreed to have only music this year, and is considering not having the Encounters piece of the Arts Fair going forward.

Reminder to Arts Commissioners when working with vendors that the city does not pay performers prior to an event. They may receive payment the day of the performance or have payment mailed to them.

For performers requesting a contract or agreement, the City of Sammamish has a contract template for this purpose. Commissioners are asked to use this form.

Ladies Musical Club of Seattle – The 9/14 performance at Pine Lake Covenant Church was attended by approximately 50 people and was sensational. Commissioners were impressed with this venue selection.

Fall Senior Art Classes are full; we have a waiting list for both.

Theatre – Commissioner Wright is working on securing the rights of upcoming performances, which requires a P.O. from the city. Director of Financial and Technology Services Guinasso is working with Commissioner Wright on this request.

Audition opportunities for two events are coming up for the Teen Talent Show on November 8, and the Holiday Theatrical Event in early December 2014. We will also sign up anyone interested in joining the Halloween Zombie Thriller Dance Event in October! The idea to draw talent from the schools, anyone can audition.

One of the shows might be something that could be done outside in the summer months. Create a stage with outdoor shows that is an attractive part like Shakespeare.

Auditions will be held Oct 1 from 5-8pm & Oct. 2 from 6:30-9pm at the Sammamish EX3 Teen Center. Audition time slots can be scheduled through the Sammamish EX3 Teen Center at (425) 836-9295. Those interested in just the play can audition those days or October 14th and 16th at 6:30-8:30. at the EX3 Teen Center.

A concern was raised that by offering free classes in singing, dancing and acting that we may not have the commitment level to follow thru with being part of a theatre group.

A separate flyer will go out for the holiday show. The advantage of fewer shows then you has a larger audience. Steve will know this week if we have Eastlake High School. There may be space opportunities for movement and singing classes at doctor's offices after hours. The classes are to give kids a chance to explore themselves.

Theatre Budget – is for venue and the instructor.

Garden Gate – One artist submitted a proposal for the garden gate, and the Commission requested some adjustments from the artists and there has not been any response. The submittal was too similar to what Issaquah had. Another artist is working on a proposal.

The budget is an important factor as to why artists have not responded. There was discussion on the recent budget increase to \$7,500, if this is sufficient or if we should go higher in the 2015 budget. The Commission agreed that \$7,500 is a fair budget for this project.

ACTION: *The Commission will need to submit a carryover request to complete this project.*

4Culture Grant – Commissioner Ron is taking over the writing and submittal for the 2015 proposal.

2015 Planning –Review of working events and exhibits based on 2014 programming. These are placeholders and may be changed for other programs or events and the Commission will be spot on their budget.

There may be an opportunity to collaborate with Sammamish Parks & Recreation for additional programming.

- Public art – a sculpture or something between here and the new community center are options.
- The Art Fair might be able to adjust their budget, and possibly re-imagined for 2015.
- Suggestion to consider an ethnic event.
- The Director of Financial & Technology services should review grants prior to being pursued, other than the 4Culture grant.
- **ACTION:** *Corporate sponsors what is the process for the Commission? Director of Financial & Technology services Guinasso to get back to Commission on this inquiry.*
- Art Auctions are not recommended for the Commission to host at this time, as they are not a fund raising organization also not a non-profit 501c3 organization. There have been prior Commission discussions and it was decided that the Commission would not to be a fund raising organization.
- The Commission may consider collaboration with “The Hugo House” in Seattle, which is all about poetry and literature.
- Added Ladies Musical Club to the calendar for 2015.

- Special Arts Sammamish - group has been talking about options. One of the parents really likes the inclusive factor like the one-on-one. Possibility for the Commission to host events identifying and welcomed special arts Sammamish and include a mentorship. Find events where we had hosted or mentor another activity, maybe is open if there is a dis-ruptive student. There will be a period where we could incorporate into the theatre program. Possibly have a one-on-one with seniors and students. Students might go directly to Bellewood in lieu of having the seniors come to the EX3 Teen Center or other venue.
- Community Center –The Commission is interested in creating a stimulus to the community. Suggestion for a small lookout and a connection to an online presence, including a lead in such as “I am most looking forward to” ...and create a place for the community to chime in. Let people see before it opens up.

Adjourn 8:07 pm

Open discussion

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, October 20, 2014 – 6:30 pm